

**Theme for the day:**

***The world is full of people who seek more and more power and status. The Old Adam in us wants to be a powerful adult, a person of significance, of being in charge of lots of people and things. The disciples were discussing just that topic while Jesus was trying to teach them that he had to die to save them from the worldly ways. His approach was exactly opposite of the worldly approach. Jesus says we need to be humble and child-like servants because when we welcome and care for the least, we ultimately welcome and care for God.***

**Invocation:**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** Amen

**Opening Hymns:**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (LSB 805)  
“Holy, Holy, Holy” (LSB 507, 4 verses)*

*(Please stand)*

**Confession & Absolution:**

**Collect Of The Day:**

*(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson Reading  
Jeremiah 11:18-20**

*God has commanded Jeremiah to stop praying for Judah because they have been unfaithful to Him. Even the people of Jeremiah’s home town are now against him because he is speaking for God who says He will destroy them. In the reading Jeremiah comes to God with his problem concerning those who are against him.*

**Epistle Lesson Reading  
James 3:13-4:10**

*James speaks of two kinds of wisdom: earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom. Earthly wisdom causes fights and quarrels and disappointment when we don’t get what we want. Heavenly wisdom results in a good life and deeds done in humility.*

*(Please stand)*

**Gospel Lesson Reading  
Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus is trying to teach the disciples but they were focused on which of them would be the greatest. When he asks them about their conversation they, like children, hang their heads in shame. In ancient times, children were considered property, weak and not of much significance yet Jesus points out that the disciples (and we) need to humble ourselves, welcome and care for the weak and insignificant people because in doing so we welcome God!*

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**Nicene Creed (LSB #inside back cover)**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn:**

*"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" (LSB 848, 4 verses)*

**Sermon**

**Offering:**

*We offer our gifts to God in humble gratitude acknowledging  
that all we have comes from Him.*

**During Offering Hymn:**

*"Create in me" (LSB 956)*

*(Please stand)*

**Prayers of the Church:**

*"Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:"*

**The Lord's Prayer: (LSB - inside back cover)**

**Preface**

**The Words Of Our Lord:**

**Peace:**

**Distribution Hymns:**

*"Beautiful Savior" (LSB 537, 4 verses)*

*"Amazing Grace" (LSB 744, 5 verses)*

**Post Communion Hymn:**

*"Thank the Lord" (LSB 181)*

**Post Communion Collect:**

**Benediction:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Closing Hymn:**

*"Leaning of the Everlasting Arms" (CH 575, 3 verses)*

**P:** *Go in Peace,*

*Serve the Lord,*

**C:** ***Thanks be to God***

**Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup> O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup> O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup> For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. Selah

<sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

<sup>5</sup> He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

<sup>6</sup> With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.